

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An ink jet recording apparatus is constructed:  
a recording head for discharging ink from a plurality  
of discharge ports and recording onto a recording  
5 medium; a carriage on which the recording head is  
mounted and which reciprocatively scans on the  
recording medium; a recording medium conveying unit  
for conveying the recording medium in the direction  
perpendicular to a scanning direction of the carriage  
10 by a predetermined distance each time the carriage  
reciprocatively scans on the recording medium; an ink  
tank mounted at a position where it does not exercise  
an influence on the reciprocative scan of the  
carriage and the conveyance of the recording medium  
15 by the recording medium conveying unit; an ink supply  
tube for supplying the ink from the ink tank to the  
recording head; and a control section for controlling  
an ink discharge state of the recording head on the  
basis of an image signal which is inputted from an  
20 upper apparatus. An ink jet recording method in a  
recording control method for the recording apparatus  
is also provided.